



Existing RCPP Projects

Year	Title	Funding Pool	Lead Partner	Number of Partners	NRCS Investment
2016	Memphremagog Long-term Water Quality Partnership	State	Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District	10	\$674,000
2016	The Young Forest Initiative for At-Risk Species	National	Wildlife Management Institute	12	\$5.2 million
2014/2015	Planning for Accelerated Conservation Planning Implementation in the Lake Champlain Watershed of Vermont and Beyond	State	Vermont Association of Conservation Districts	3	\$800,000
2014/2015	Accelerated Implementation of Agricultural and Forestry Conservation Practices in the Lake Champlain Watershed of Vermont and New York	National	State of Vermont Agencies of Agriculture, Food and Markets, and Natural Resources	19	\$16 million
2014/2015	Long Island Sound Watershed RCPP	National	Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation	7	\$10 million

2017 RCPP Projects

Cold Hollow Woodlots Program

Proposed NRCS Investment: \$640,580 (State)

Lead Partner: Cold Hollow to Canada

Number of Initial Partners: 8

Participating States: Vermont (Lead State)

Cold Hollow to Canada (CHC), a regional conservation partnership operating in seven towns along the western spine of the Green Mountains, is proposing to expand an existing cross boundary management initiative - the Cold Hollow Woodlots Program. A pilot project engaged 12 landowners spanning over 2,000 acres in the town of Enosburg. We intend to increase the scope of work to 3 towns, close to 50 landowners and 8,000 acres. With more than two-thirds of Vermont's forests privately owned, managers must reach out to individual forest owners to manage wildlife habitat, to find solutions for the effects of climate change, and to develop ways to help forests adapt to changing conditions. Innovative methods such as the landscape-based social network formed through the CHWP, will provide a solution to this challenge. As the pilot project has shown, by coming together around a shared passion for their land and working with informed professionals around common interests, private landowners are galvanized to participation. Woodlots ownerships also become demonstration sites which can be leveraged to share the vision to the broader community and with other conservation organizations. CHC's approach to peer-to-peer woodlands management is unique because it engages landowners with contiguous properties in prioritized forest blocks. CHC then provides resources, technical assistance and educational support to guide the discussion among the group. The Woodlots group works together to develop a blueprint for a collaborative approach to future management actions. By securing resources for practice implementation for the pilot group in Enosburg and two new groups in the towns of Richford and Montgomery, CHC seeks to expand the base of engaged landowners in our region, furthering peer-to-peer engagement on these issues to increase the pace of conservation and to foster the stewardship of our forests' health, integrity and resiliency into the future.

